



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Housing and Urban Development announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:** Chief United States District Court Judge Joseph F. Bataillon sentenced Bernita Anderson for her conviction of making a false statement to a government agency. Anderson was sentenced to five years of probation and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$13,100.

Anderson had been receiving Section 8 housing assistance through the Douglas County Housing Authority. As part of her obligations under this program, Anderson was required to report her income and the income of all adult persons living in her residence. Although Anderson reported receiving income from the Social Security Administration, she did not report the income she received from her employment at Methodist Hospital. She also failed to list her daughter's income. When her unreported income was discovered, Anderson was terminated from the Section 8 program.

**Name of Defendant:** Bernita Anderson

**AKA:**

**Age:** 43

**City of residence:** Current address is in Des Moines, Iowa

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty) False statement to a government agency in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001. The maximum penalty is five years of imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine, three years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Omaha, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest:** Omaha, Nebraska

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:**

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:**

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** June 4, 2009

**Federal Arrest Date:** A summons was issued in lieu of arrest

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** May 21, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date:** June 24, 2009

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** August 28, 2009 plea

**Sentencing Date:** November 19, 2009

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:**

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Honorable FA Gossett

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** released on bond

**In Continuous Custody Since:**

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon, Chief Judge

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